

MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA REVIEW

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Israeli Invasion of Lebanon

Military Situation -- Israeli forces have captured Tyre and An-Nabatiyah and have surrounded Sidon, the IDF spokesman announced in a statement carried by ITIM during the afternoon of 7 June. However, the joint forces' military spokesman, in a statement carried by the clandestine Voice of Palestine radio on 8 June, said fighting continued throughout the night in Tyre and nearby refugee camps and in the An-Nabatiyah hills. An earlier Palestinian statement carried by the radio claimed that the joint forces were still in control of An-Nabatiyah and Tyre. According to a related Voice of Palestine report, the joint forces have recaptured positions in the Sidon area and have counter-attacked against Israeli concentrations in the Al-Jiyah area, south of Beirut. Throughout the morning of 8 June Israeli aircraft raided targets south of Beirut, the radio also noted. Israeli planes bombed Beirut four times the previous afternoon hitting the PLO headquarters in Al-Fakihani, according to Jerusalem radio. Beirut radio said the targets included the Arab University and the sports stadium. Voice of Palestine subsequently denied a Voice of Lebanon radio report that PLO leaders Khalil al-Wazir and Salah Khalaf had been killed in the raids. Voice of Lebanon had also reported that hundreds of people were killed or injured by Israeli raids on Sidon and that the Israelis were preparing to occupy the city. The IDF landed on Sidon beach on 7 June, the radio said, and launched an intensive bombardment of the city from the sea, land and air on 8 June. The radio spoke of hand-to-hand fighting in the approaches to the city. The Lebanese Army barracks in Sidon has been destroyed, according to Beirut radio. Meanwhile, Monte Carlo radio said Israeli armored columns have begun to advance on Ad-Damur, An-Na'imah and Al-Jiyah.

Confirming that Syrian-Israeli clashes have occurred, the IDF spokesman announced that one Syrian MiG was downed in a dogfight on 7 June and that two more were downed early on 8 June, according to Jerusalem radio reports. The IDF spokesman also noted that artillery fire was directed at Israeli forces around Hasbaya from an area under Syrian control. In a statement carried by SANA, a Syrian military spokesman admitted that two Syrian planes were hit in a dogfight on 8 June but claimed one Israeli Skyhawk was downed. An earlier statement carried by Damascus television claimed that two Israeli planes and one Syrian aircraft were downed in dogfights on 7 June and that Syrian ground forces checked an Israeli advance, destroying several enemy tanks near Jazzin. Israeli aircraft strafed Syrian supply lines in Jazzin early on 8 June, according to Monte Carlo radio. While Jerusalem radio spoke of massive Syrian reinforcements being sent from Syria into the Al-Biqa' Valley, Monte Carlo radio said the Syrians have withdrawn from Suhmur and Yuhmur in the western Al-Biqa'.

Palestinian artillery shelled the Galilee panhandle during the night but caused no casualties or damage, Jerusalem radio noted.

Casualties, Losses, Refugees -- By the end of 7 June, the IDF had lost 25 dead, 7 missing, 1 captured and 96 injured, the IDF spokesman announced in a communique carried by ITIM on 8 June. However, a joint forces statement carried by Voice of Palestine the previous day claimed the Israelis had already lost 400 dead or wounded, as well as 50 tanks, 40 armored cars and 5 aircraft. On 8 June the radio carried another statement claiming the Israelis had lost a further 120 men killed or injured, 38 vehicles and 4 aircraft. Damascus radio cited a PLO announcement that the Palestinians have captured more than 26 Israelis. The Syrians claim to have lost 5 dead and 10 wounded, according to Damascus television.

U.S. Embassy Attacked -- The U.S. Embassy in Beirut was hit by a rocket on its sixth floor, according to Beirut radio. The radio reported that no one was injured.

Habib-Begin Meeting; U.S. Position -- U.S. special envoy Philip Habib met with Prime Minister Menahem Begin and presented him with a personal message from President Ronald Reagan, IDF radio reported. Israeli sources stated that the United States is asking Israel to withdraw from Lebanon and "for now" Israel is listening, the radio added. However, IDF radio reported that Israel's UN ambassador informed the UN secretary general that the withdrawal of Israeli forces in Lebanon is "inconceivable" before arrangements are made "which will permanently and reliably exclude the possibility of hostile acts against Israel's citizens." According to a press agency correspondent cited by Jerusalem radio, the United States will not impose sanctions on Israel to force it to withdraw but will ask it to resolve the dispute through political means. However, MA'ARIV reported that Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger has demanded that the United States end its special relationship with Israel.

Further Reaction to Invasion -- In a statement carried by Beirut radio, Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan condemned the Israeli invasion and declared that Lebanon rejects the Israeli viewpoint that wants to dictate a "humiliating peace". He said Lebanon will continue to defend itself by all available means.

Following a meeting between Egyptian President Husni Mubarak and members of the political group, Prime Minister Ahmad Fu'ad Muhyi ad-Din announced that Egypt will take several steps to curtail the Israeli "aggression" but added that Egypt has no plans to send military aid to Lebanon, MENA reported. The prime minister said Egypt decided to send verbal messages to the U.S. President and the Israeli prime minister. A subsequent MENA report said the Egyptian president had sent an "urgent" message to President Reagan on the need to immediately stop the Israeli "aggression" and ensure Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon. Meanwhile, MENA reported that the Egyptian ambassador to Israel conveyed an urgent verbal message to Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir expressing Egypt's "deep concern and condemnation and strong protest" over the Israeli invasion.

Jordan will provide all the necessary facilities for any Jordanian who wants to fight in southern Lebanon against the Israelis, Prime Minister Mudar Badran declared in a speech to the National Consultative Council (NCC) reported by Amman radio. PETRA-JNA subsequently carried a statement issued by the NCC that denounced the continued U.S. "hostile stand" which is supporting and encouraging Israeli aggression. It called upon the big powers, the Soviet Union and the European group, to play an immediate and positive role to halt the aggression. The statement also called upon the Arab forces in Lebanon to do their duty and shoulder their responsibility.

In response to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni's call for the defense of Lebanon, the armed forces and Guards Corps will send a number of units to southern Lebanon to confront the Israelis, according to a Guards Corps and armed forces communique carried by Tehran radio. Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani told a Majlis session that in response to the aggression in Lebanon, Iran will enter the arena with all of its political, military and economic forces, Tehran radio reported. He stated that a military representative would go to Syria to review with officials there any kind of assistance and cooperation that can be provided. Damascus radio subsequently reported that on 7 June Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad received an Iranian delegation that included the minister of defense and the commanders of the ground forces and Guards Corps. The delegation informed Al-Asad of Iran's decision to fight against the Israelis and expressed a desire to discuss how to implement this decision, the radio said.

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SECOND NFF NATIONAL COMMITTEE PLENUM HELD

LD072026 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1730 GMT 7 Jun 82

[Excerpts] The Second DRA National Fatherland Front [NFF] National Committee Plenum opened today at the committee's headquarters. The DRA national anthem was played at the start of the plenum's work, and verses from the holy Koran were recited. After electing the presiding board of the session, the basic report concerning the work and activity of the National Committee since the formation of the NFF constituent congress was read by Dr Saleh Mohammad Ziray, Politburo member and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the NFF National Committee.

After reviewing the past activities of the front, the tasks of NFF members were defined. They were asked to organize all national, progressive, true and patriotic forces into a united broad front; to work and struggle toward prosperity for the people of the homeland; and to wage a relentless struggle to maintain security and to eliminate mercenary bands.

Present at the opening ceremony of the Second NFF National Committee Plenum were members of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo; secretaries and members of the party Central Committee; Revolutionary Council and Council of Ministers members; party cadres and activists; heads of social organizations and trade unions; and members of the executive board of the NFF National Committee.

According to BAKHTAR, following the reading of the basic report, Satar Pordeli, president of the Afghan Trade Unions Central Council; 'Abdol Ghafar Lakanwal, chairman of the agricultural cooperatives council; Farid Mazdak, Democratic Youth Organization secretary of the Central Committee; Col Jan, member of the Democratic Women's Organization executive board; Dr Sa'id Afghani, vice chairman of the NFF National Committee and head of Islamic affairs; and [name indistinct] chairman of the NFF provincial committee of Nangarhar Province, made statements on behalf of their relevant departments, expressing confidence concerning their activities with regard to the appeals contained in the basic report. They stressed that they would accomplish their national and historical mission in line with NFF aspirations, and they would make every effort for prosperity for the homeland and for eliminating counterrevolutionary bands. Subsequently the basic report, being put to a vote, was approved unanimously.

The second part of the NFF National Committee Plenum started with a report by NFF National Committee Secretary Nasim Joya on the new NFF Charter and its amendments and supplements.

The new NFF National Committee Charter was approved unanimously after being put to a vote.

The third part of the plenum's work was concerned with organizational issues. The name list of new members of the Central Council and its first deputy chairman was read by a head of organization of the NFF National Committee. It was approved that Bareq Shafi'i, member of the PDPA Central Committee, be appointed as member of the executive board and first deputy chairman of the Central Council; 'Abdol Salam, secretary general of the Afghan Red Crescent, as member of the executive board; and all provincial chairmen of the NFF National Committee, as members of the NFF Central Council.

A BAKHTAR correspondent reports: Expressing wishes for the success of the new members in further organizing and unifying the NFF and congratulating them on their appointment. Dr Saleh Mohammad Ziray said: Our people have now realized that the foul actions and vain efforts of imperialism, reaction and hegemonism regarding the prevention of the process and consolidation of the April Revolution and its new development stage, are doomed to failure. Wood dust can never block the way of the storm of the revolution.

The Second NFF National Committee Plenum concluded after a resolution was issued.

ISRAELI 'AGGRESSION' ON LEBANON CONDEMNED

BK071402 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 7 Jun 82

[Text] India has condemned the unprovoked Israeli aggression on Lebanon. A spokesman of the External Affairs Ministry said in New Delhi today that the Government of India views with great concern and deep sense of indignation the unwarranted violation of the Lebanese sovereignty by Israel, which has resulted in great loss of life.

SUPPORT FOR INDIAN OCEAN CONFERENCE SOUGHT

BK021309 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 4 Jun 82

[Text] India has called upon the nonaligned countries to support its proposal for the United Nations conference on turning the Indian Ocean into a zone of peace. The appeal was made by External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao while speaking at the Nonaligned Coordinating Bureau ministerial meeting in Havana.

Rao said the nonaligned nations should intensify their efforts to eliminate the threat to world peace. He expressed concern over the growing tension, increasing arms race and revival of the climate of cold war. Rao called for a peaceful end to the Iran-Iraq war.

Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Ghana are among other foreign ministers who called for an early end of the Gulf war.

ASH-SHARIQAH RULER DEPARTS BOMBAY 7 JUNE

BK080545 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 8 Jun 82

[Text] The ruler of Ash-Shariqah, Shaykh ibn Sultan Muhammad al-Qasimi, was given a warm sendoff at Bombay airport last night when he left for Ash-Shariqah after his 12-day state visit to India. He was seen off at the airport among others by Maharashtra Minister for Information and Publicity Dr Shrikant Gichkar.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON 12 JULY

BK041353 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 4 Jun 82

[Text] The presidential election will take place on the 12th of next month. A notification for the presidential poll will be issued next Wednesday [9 June]. Talking to newsmen, Chief Election Commissioner S.L. Shakhder said the last date for filing nominations is 25 June; scrutiny will take place the next day and the last date for withdrawals will be the 26th. Counting will begin on the 15th of July and will be completed on the 18th.

Shakhder also said the new date for the repoll in some booths of the Hissar assembly constituency in Haryana will be announced in due course. The repoll had been postponed in view of the abnormal situation there.

REDDY REFUSES RENOMINATION; OPPOSITION DISARRAY

BK071140 Delhi NATIONAL HERALD in English 2 Jun 82 p 1

[By K.V.S. Rama Sarma]

[Text] New Delhi, May 31 -- President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy has reportedly rejected opposition leaders' suggestion in the last two weeks to be their presidential candidate. He is retiring as president on July 24.

He told opposition leaders that he was against renomination for the post, it is learnt. He made it clear that there was no question of his becoming the candidate of the opposition.

When the opposition leaders met him on a number of occasions, he made it plain to them that he was disillusioned by their functioning and behaviour.

Lack of constructive spirit on the part of the opposition seems to have upset Mr. Reddy as much as the absence of any desire on their part to establish healthy norms for proper functioning of the democratic system.

In the case of Haryana itself, the president was unhappy over the noise the opposition leaders made, including a demand on him to dismiss the governor. Clearly, the only way to settle the issue was to call the Legislative Assembly and that is what is being done.

The president is also reportedly unhappy over the consistent campaign in certain sections of the press on the alleged differences between him and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. It is pointed out that being charged with the responsibility of governing the country, they exchange views and notes in a candid manner.

This did not involve any disrespect or ill-will. Having made up his mind, the president does not want to be involved in any unsavoury controversy. Perhaps keeping this in mind he has decided to leave for Hyderabad on June 7 and remain there till the end of the month.

Mr. Reddy reportedly told his close friends and associates that only Mrs. Gandhi could keep the country together at this crucial juncture and strengthening her hands was necessary in the interest of the nation.

Given this position of Mr. Reddy, the opposition parties appear to be in a quandary as to who they should select their candidate. Leaders of six parties met here today and decided to request Mrs. Gandhi to open a dialogue with them to arrive at a "consensus candidate."

Although Lok Dal General-Secretary Madhu Limaye, who briefed the press, said that no names were discussed, some opposition parties are understood to be in favour of fielding Mr. Jagjivan Ram as the candidate. While on this issue the opposition predictably does not want any confrontation with the Congress-I, on other issues it is bent upon fighting out issues in the streets.

The meeting decided to intensify its agitation against the installation of the Bhajan Lal ministry in Haryana and for the ouster of Haryana Governor Tapase. The meeting was attended by Mr. Samar Mukherjee and Mr. Harkrishen Singh Surjeet (CPI-M), Mr. Madhu Limaye and Mr. Rabi Ray (Lok Dal), Mr. L.K. Advani (BJP), Mr. Brij Mohan (Congress-J) and Mr. P.S. Badal (Akali Dal-L).

ARMY CHIEF ON KASHMIR CITIZENSHIP BILL

BK060652 Hong Kong AFP in English 0018 GMT 5 Jun 82

[Text] New Delhi, 4 Jun (AFP) -- Indian Army Chief Gen. K.V. Krishna Rao today expressed opposition to the state administration in Indian-held Kashmir to allow the return of Kashmiris who migrated to Pakistan.

"Who knows who will be coming in the name of Kashmiris," the PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) quoted him as saying to journalists at Hyderabad, southern India.

He said such return of refugees would create serious security problems to India.

PTI said he was commenting on the controversial citizenship bill adopted by the legislative assembly of Kashmir ruled by Chief Minister Mohammed Abdullah's regional party.

The bill is, however, yet to receive the required assent of Federal President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy before coming into effect.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's ruling Congress Party, which is in the opposition in the disputed border state with Pakistan, is reported to be not in agreement with the Abdullah government's move.

Gen. Rao, however, said that the issue was totally political and he did not want to discuss it. But the agency quoted him as further observing that what he felt was from the national security point of view.

The bill seeks to allow the return of anyone who voluntarily migrated to Pakistan in the past 35 years, following the partition of the then undivided sub-continent into independent India and Pakistan.

Answering a separate question, Gen. Rao said there was no room for complacency or laxity in view of what was happening across the border.

"Pakistan is getting aid from the United States. In the next two to three years, it will improve its strike capability substantially. We cannot be complacent or take it easy," he said.

He further commented that Pakistan asked for a no-war pact, "but our offer for a friendship pact was not well received by them."

AFP: NAXALITES KILL 5 IN WEST BENGAL ATTACK

BK051727 Hong Kong AFP in English 1713 GMT 5 Jun 82

[Excerpt] New Delhi, 5 Jun (AFP) -- Extremist pro-Beijing communists or Naxalites lynched five people in a surprise attack in West Bengal's (state capital Calcutta) Jalpaiguri District in the northern part of the state Friday, official reports said tonight.

The victims were supporters of the Communist Party of India, Marxist (CPI-M), the dominant partner in the left alliance ruling the state, the PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) said in a Calcutta dispatch, quoting police officials.

One of the members of the attackers' group was also killed. He was believed to have been injured in a police firing and his body was recovered later from a nearby paddy field.

Police believed the group involved in the attack were members of the pro-Lin Biao faction of the splintered extremist movement, led by Binod Mishra.

The attack came when the CPI-M supporters were engaging in a private party meeting and they were beaten to death.

Police rushed to the spot when being informed of the incident and opened fire to neutralise the raiders. But they were counter-attacked by the extremists and two of them were seriously injured.

SWITCHOVER TO AKASHVANI FOR RADIO REVERSED

BK051607 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 5 Jun 82

[Text] It has been decided to revert with immediate effect to the use of the term All-India Radio wherever it was being used before the recent switchover to the term Akashvani. This decision has been taken keeping in view the sentiments of the people in the southern states.

Earlier, news agencies had reported that the prime minister decided to reverse the decision to use Akashvani in place of the term All-India Radio.

HAQ INTERVIEWED ON U.S., AFGHANISTAN, INDIA

BK071730 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 7 Jun 82

[Text] President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq has said that he will visit the United States in December this year at the invitation of President Reagan. In an interview with the INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC NEWS AGENCY in Jidda he said that the details of the agenda are yet to be determined. However, these discussions will deal primarily with bilateral matters and some regional issues will be reviewed.

The president said that Pakistan will receive the first batch of F-16's by the end of the year. The pace at which the agreement with the United States on the supply of economic aid and the purchase of arms is being implemented is good and the two countries are working according to the program, he added.

The president said that he will also visit Bangladesh later this year. Describing Pakistan's relations with Bangladesh as very cordial, he expressed the hope that relations between the two friendly countries will continue to develop as both desire peace.

In reply to a question on the indirect talks under UN auspices in Geneva on the Afghanistan issue, the president said that he hopes that the talks will prove another step toward a political settlement of the Afghanistan issue. He said that the Iranian envoy in Geneva will be kept fully informed of the talks.

Answering a question, the president said that the rate of influx of Afghan refugees to Pakistan ranged from 60,000 to 80,000 every month. He said that Pakistan is very obliged to the fraternal Islamic countries, other friendly countries and international organizations for providing aid for the Afghan refugees. However, there is still a need for further aid for the refugees. The president expressed the hope that with the efforts of fraternal countries like Saudi Arabia more aid for the refugees will be forthcoming.

In reply to a question regarding India-Pakistan relations, he said that Pakistan wants to establish relations with India free from mistrust and suspicion. Pakistan has made an offer of a no-war pact and India's preliminary reaction in this regard has been very good. He hoped that this process will continue and that it will eventually lead to a speedy normalization of relations between the two countries.

The president said that the process of the Islamization of the law in Pakistan is proceeding very well and in a speedy manner. The day is not too far off, he said, when our civil laws will closely follow religious laws with regard to the regular activities of the people, their daily lives and in the system of administration. The president said that the Islamic ideology council has submitted its recommendations and that he has reviewed them. Now these recommendations will be presented to the Cabinet. Some necessary clarifications have been sought in this regard.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Sa'ud al-Faysal had a meeting with the president in Jidda this afternoon which lasted for an hour. This was the second meeting between the two leaders since the president of Pakistan's arrival in Jidda.

AID FOR REFUGEES SOUGHT THROUGH ARAB LEAGUE

GF041133 Karachi DAWN in English 31 May 82 p 1

["Pakistan Seeks Arab Aid for Afghan Camps"]

[Text] Tunis, 30 May -- Pakistan has urged the Arab countries to render material assistance to the 2.7 million Afghan refugees living on its territories, in a request made through the Arab League's General Secretariat.

The Pakistani memorandum, distributed by the Secretariat among the 22 members, appealed for urgent assistance needed by the refugees who fled their country following the Soviet military intervention.

The Pakistan Government is said to have put together an elaborate administrative structure comprising about 6,000 persons to take care of the manifold needs of the Afghan refugees.

About 800 tent villages have been set up in the NWFP [Northwest Frontier Province] and Baluchistan to house the homeless Afghans.

Besides providing food and cash allowances, the government has taken steps to open schools and dispensaries and training centres have been started to teach the refugees useful skills. These cost Pakistan about \$1 million per day.

Pakistan has been getting help from international agencies and various friendly countries but even then a big shortfall remains.

It is estimated that for every dollar that comes from abroad, Pakistan has to provide an equal amount.

MINISTER HAROON ON ELECTIONS, PARTIES, AMNESTY

GF041125 Karachi DAWN in English 31 May 82 p 1

["Gov't Determined To Hold Polls -- Haroon"]

[Excerpts] Quetta, 30 May -- President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq was determined to hold elections in the country as he sincerely believed that without elected representatives of the people the affairs of the government could not be run effectively. This was stated by the federal minister for interior, Mr Mahmud A. Haroon, while talking to newsmen here this afternoon.

Mr Haroon regretted that none of the political parties could give a solid programme or policy to the people. In spite of the restrictions on political activities in the country the executive bodies of political parties had been holding meetings. Heaven would not have fallen if in one of their such meetings these parties would have issued some concrete economic programmes, he remarked.

The minister said that these political parties should first identify their own programme by consensus and which was directed towards the welfare of the country, he stated.

Replying to a question, he said that President Ziaul Haq had been meeting political leaders. The doors were open and he (president) would meet them whenever they so desired.

The minister said that in an ideological state there could be no room for criticism of the ideology, and referred to some of the ideological states where such people were dealt with severely.

Our staff correspondent adds: Mr Haroon said that those persons who had left their homes and crossed over to a neighbouring country during the previous regime, should avail themselves of general amnesty granted by the present government.

He said they were Pakistanis and they should return to their country and participate in welfare activities. The number of such people was between 1,400 and 1,500, he added.

DAWN REPORTS 20 INJURED IN KASHMIR CLASH

GF041130 Karachi DAWN in English 31 May 82 p 12

["Held Kashmir Clash: 20 Hurt"]

[Text] Sialkot, 30 May (PPI) -- Over 20 workers of the People's Conference, an opposition party in occupied Kashmir, were wounded, when they were attacked by a large number of workers and supporters of the ruling party, National Conference, at Hurmain Shopian town, on Saturday, says a report reaching here from across the ceasefire line.

Meanwhile, Mr Muzaffar Hussain, vice-chairman of the People's Conference, while addressing a press conference, in Srinagar on Saturday alleged that ruling party workers started pelting stones and bricksbats on the leaders and members of his party during the concluding session of the workers meeting as a result of which 20 persons sustained injuries. He said condition of three of them was critical.

Mr Hussain denounced the role of the police and said the police kept away while the ruling party workers were engaged in hooliganism.

Commenting on the re-settlement bill, passed recently by the state assembly, the opposition leader accused the ruling party of using the bill as a political tool. Criticising the recent speech of Sheikh Abdullah, he said that Mr Abdullah was spreading parochial hatred among the people of different areas.

PASHTUN LEADER EXPOSES PASHTUNISTAN 'STUNT'

GF071216 Karachi NAWA-I-WAQT in Urdu 1 Jun 82 pp 1, 9

[Text] Islamabad, 31 May -- The red shirt leader Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan has said that Pashtunistan was a stunt set up by Afghanistan and India for propaganda against Pakistan. In an interview he said: "We have no connections with Pashtunistan." Although I attended, on some occasions, Pashtunistan day celebrations in Afghanistan, I was in fact ignorant at that time of what it stood for, he said. "However, when I came to know [the real meaning], I stopped attending those ceremonies," Ghaffar Khan added.

"As far as the Pashtun nationality is concerned," Ghaffar Khan said, "we still believe that there are four nationalities in Pakistan. They are Pashtuns, Baluchis, Sindhis, and Punjabis." Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan gave this interview to an English-language newspaper of Islamabad at his residence in Charsadda.

In reply to a question Ghaffar Khan admitted that there is continued resistance to the Karmal regime within Afghanistan. However, he refused to give any details and added that if he spoke against the Soviet Union he would be dubbed as being pro-United States. If he spoke against the United States, he would be dubbed as pro-Soviet. He declined to comment on whether the present conflict was started by Pakistan or Afghanistan. He said he had once sent a letter to President Ziaul Haq informing him that the situation had changed in the region and that now was the time for Pakistan and Afghanistan to resolve their differences. "I am ready to tell the same thing to the leaders in Kabul," he added, "and I believe that their reply would be positive."

The red shirt leader said that he was in constant touch with President Ziaul Haq and that he and Ziaul Haq are corresponding.

In reply to another question, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan said that the Afghanistan problem was started by Afghanistan itself. It has entangled not only Pakistan in it but also the two world powers.

SRI LANKASEVEN COUNTRIES BID TO OPERATE TANK FARM

BK021107 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 2 Jun 82

[Text] The Soviet Union has submitted bids for use of the Trincomalee tank farm, according to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation [CPC]. A Soviet delegation, which arrived on the island recently, has already inspected the tanks.

The corporation called for worldwide tenders to upgrade and operate the Trincomalee tank farm. CPC Chairman Daham Wimalasena said that seven bids have been received by the corporation from India, Switzerland, West Germany, the United States, Britain, the Netherlands and the Soviet Union. Wimalasena said that the bids are being evaluated.

Sri Lanka has made it clear that any agreement will totally safeguard the country's territorial and political sovereignty and its nonaligned foreign policy.

CABINET GRANTS EMERGENCY POWERS TO PRESIDENT

BK080625 Colombo SUN in English 3 Jun 82 p 1

[By Kenneth Amerasekera and Jennifer Henricus]

[Text] The Cabinet yesterday empowered President J.R. Jayewardene to invoke provisions of the Public Security Act, if he feels it necessary, to deal with attempts by persons to rouse communal discord and unleash violence.

This came after President Jayewardene briefed ministers about what Cabinet Spokesman and Minister of State Anandatissa de Alwis said was "the distribution of inflammatory pamphlets seeking to rouse communal discord and racial violence."

Mr de Alwis announced that criminal [as published] action would be taken against those who indulged in this activity.

He did not give details but said Prime Minister R. Premadasa would make a statement on the matter to Parliament on June 8.

'SUN' reliably learns yesterday's Cabinet discussion came in the wake of Tuesday's meeting of the National Security Council [NSC].

The NSC which reviewed the security situation in the country is learnt to have examined intelligence reports of attempts to create religious disharmony. The council is learnt to have been told of "highly inflammatory" literature that was being sent to persons living in the plantation sector.

Police have already seized the literature and traced the printing concerns responsible for it, according to criminal investigation division sources.

MINISTER ON VIOLENT ACTS ORGANIZED BY SLFP

BK280934 Colombo SUN in English 21 May 82 p 1

[Text] An action committee of a select group of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party organised violent and disruptive action against the government in 1980, Internal Security Minister and Deputy Defence Minister T.B. Werapitiya, told Parliament last night. "They have been identified," he added.

There is evidence that this group sent special emissaries to various parts of the country to organise:

- the breaching of the bunds of major irrigation tanks,
- blowing up of major bridges and culverts,
- disrupting the telecommunications network,
- causing derailment of trains,
- blocking the main roads by felling trees across them,
- destroying water supply schemes,
- causing damage to government property, etc.

Mr Werapitiya said in a report to Parliament that it was also proposed to bring large masses of people into Colombo on October 15, 1980, and to destroy the Parliament buildings. Some of them admitted having given instructions to commit acts of violence. The offences disclosed come within section 120 of the Penal Code and certain acts have been committed in furtherance of the conspiracy charges.

"Unfortunately there did not appear to be public support for these acts of violence. The scheme failed. Only in a few places damage was caused", he said.

Mr Werapitiya's report contains the findings of the inspector-general of police [IGP].

The IGP was directed by the government to conduct an inquiry after the parliamentary select committee on "responsibilities of ministers for continuance of a state of emergency" submitted a report to Parliament.

In the course of its report the committee referred to a paragraph in a letter sent by Maithripala Senanayake, MP, dated August 23, 1981, to Mrs Srimavo Bandaranaike, and published in the Ceylon DAILY MIRROR of August 25, 1981. In this letter Mr Senanayake referred to certain instructions issued by Ratnasiri Wickremanayake to the party's youth organisations and other groups about the campaign carried out against the deprivation of civic rights of Mrs Bandaranaike which could lead "to the people (being) destroyed".

Mr Werapitiya's report states:

Investigations were conducted in the following electorates: -- Colombo, Kelaniya, Mahara, Gampaha, Attanagalla, Mirigama, Ambalangoda, Galle, Matara, Minipe, Teldeniya, Anamaduwa, Hakmana, Ratgama, Kandy, Senkadagala, Kundasale, Galagedera, Harispattuwa, Patha Dumbara, Hewaheta, Nawalapitiya and Bingiriya.

These investigations reveal that meetings had been held in these electorates to organize the people to protest against the deprivation of civic rights of Mrs Bandaranaike.

These were to take the form of mass meetings, the sending of telegrams and letters of protest, poster campaigns, etc.

However, the investigations reveal that a separate action committee had been formed of a select group in the Sri Lanka Freedom Party to make the protest a violent one with a view to disrupting the economy. There is evidence that this action group had sent special emissaries to various parts of the country to organise violent and disruptive action. The members of this action group have been identified.

KHOMAYNI SCORES SILENCE OF 'INDIFFERENT' ARABS

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[Message to "reactionary Arab" governments issued on 7 June by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini -- read by announcer]

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. We come from God and to God we shall return. I look at the blessed word recovery [esterja'] not only for the crimes committed by Israel nor for the martyrdom and devastating damage inflicted upon the oppressed Muslims in dear southern Lebanon -- though it requires recovery; nor in connection with the towns and villages of that Islamic country, which have been occupied and destroyed by the infidel usurper Zionist regime of Israel -- although those too require recovery; nor do I see it in connection with the homelessness of thousands of our sisters and brothers in that Islamic place -- although that also requires recovery. Neither do I see it in connection with the oppressed Palestinians subjected to Israeli ruthlessness, again something needing recovery. Neither do I see it with regard to the martyrdom of more than 40 men, women and children of Ilam who were martyred by the hand of Saddam while speaking against blood-sucking America and Israel; nor the wounding of more than 200 innocent tribal Muslims and the destruction of mosques, schools and hospitals and houses -- although those too will have to be recovered. What I am saying is that the indifference demonstrated by Islamic governments is what recovery applies to.

If there was only indifference, it would not be too bad. I am referring to recovery in connection with the support provided by a great many governments to Israel and to Saddam, these two illegitimate offsprings of America.

I, and every Muslim, must resort to recovery of the financial and psychological assistance given by the governments of Islamic countries to America, the leader of criminals, and to Israel and the Iraqi Ba'thist and 'Aflaqist regime, the executor of Israel's and America's sinister intentions. An honorable Muslim must recover from the jihad proposal against a country opposing Israel, under the false accusation of receiving arms from Israel and the attempt [by some Arab countries] to recognize the aggressive action against Islamic Lebanon by Israel as well as the martyrdom of thousands of innocent Muslims in the south.

Aggressive and criminal Israel is being commended, while America -- this leader of aggressors enjoying the resources of poor and oppressed Islamic countries -- is being provided with financial assistance as well as receiving political and psychological assistance through the efforts of the region's Islamic media, while Palestine and Syria remain alone. In his aggression against Iran, Saddam -- who is 100-percent opposed to Islam -- is enjoying financial and military assistance in the murder of a generation of Arabs and others. He is enjoying propaganda support, when the Islamic country of Iran, which has risen for the revival of Islam and the holy Koran, is being left on its own.

These, and a great many other issues, have posed certain problems for Muslims for which they must take action collectively. I express my condolences for the immense tragedies suffered by our helpless brethren in southern Lebanon as well as the hardships inflicted upon our brethren in Ilam and other war-stricken regions in Iran. I pray for the martyrs in their defense of these two Islamic countries and ask God to give their families patience. I pray to God Almighty to awaken those governments which are indifferent to the interests of Islamic countries, which are oblivious to the holy Koran's precepts. May God crush the enemies of Islam and Muslims. God bless you all.

[Signed] Ruhollah Musavi-Khomeini, 7 June 1982

RAFSANJANI: IRANIANS WILL DEFEND LEBANON

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[Text] The Central News Unit reports that the Islamic Majlis held an open session this morning. At this session, chaired by Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the Majlis speaker first condemned the (?repeated) attacks launched by the occupying Zionist regime on southern Lebanon. Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani said:

[Begin recording] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. [passage indistinct]

We caution the champion nation of Iran, we caution the [word indistinct] forces in the region, and we warn the reactionary forces which might be party to the conspiracy or might be behind it. The occupation of southern Lebanon is by no means acceptable to us or to any of the other progressive Muslim Arab countries. We will defend it, just as we did our Iranian soil, like Khorramshahr or Bostan. [shouts of "God is great!" and other slogans]

The occupation of PLO centers in Lebanon, the bombing of the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon and the crushing of the struggling Amal forces in Lebanon is to us just like the occupation of Khorramshahr [word indistinct] garrison, or the occupation of Dezful or Hamid garrison, and we will not tolerate it.

We now announce that all political, military and economic forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran will enter the arena with all our might in response to the aggression against Lebanon by Zionists, imperialists and reactionary forces in the region. Today our representative, our military representative, will go to Syria in order to review every kind of cooperation and assistance with the officials of the friendly, struggling and steadfast country of Syria and the PLO.

But this issue concerns not only us, Syria, Lebanon and the PLO. First, the countries of the steadfastness front and, second, all Islamic countries and Islamic nations are invited to enter the arena and cut off the hand of aggression from the region now that they have begun this aggression. We propose the dispatch of armed forces from all Muslim countries, and we once again stress and repeat this proposal. We once again stress the proposal to use all our economic capabilities, including oil and strategic routes on land and by sea at our disposal in the region.

We announce that the Islamic Republic will not be deceived this time. You cannot prevent us from taking our right from Saddam who is now in step with Begin, on the pretext of the aggression on Lebanon. [sentence as heard] Saddam is attacking Iran as part of a joint conspiracy with the attack on Lebanon. As part of this joint conspiracy they are bombing Iran and Lebanon. No one can stop us from recapturing what is rightfully ours. With all our might we will fight for our rights inside our country and will defend it. We also have the power to take part officially in the jihad against Israel together with our Arab and Muslim brothers in the region.

And so [shouts of "God is great!"] we tell all those who [word indistinct] are trying to end the [word indistinct] war by Iraq against Iran that they should not try to take advantage of the situation, because we will accept no settlement other than those rights already announced.

Peace be upon you all. [end recording]

DEFENSE COUNCIL DISCUSSES LEBANON SITUATION

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[Text] The Supreme Defense Council held a session tonight presided over by Mr Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, the president and head of the Supreme Defense Council.

The session was also attended by Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the imam's representative on the council; Mr Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, prime minister; Brigadier Zahirnezhad, chief of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran; Mr Sham'khani, deputy commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps; Ahmad 'Azizi, deputy foreign minister; Kamal Gharazi, head of the War Publicity Staff; Hojjat ol-Eslam Seyyed Ahmad Khomeyni; and Captain Afzali, commander of the navy. They first reviewed the latest report on the warfronts and later discussed the Zionist regime's aggression against southern Lebanon. Certain decisions were adopted.

At the end of the session, Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the imam's representative in the Supreme Defense Council, took part in an interview with a correspondent of the Central News Unit.

MILITARY CHIEFS, OFFICIALS DEPART FOR SYRIA

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[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, Defense Minister Colonel Salimi; Ground Forces Commander Colonel Seyyed-Shirazi; Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Commander Mr Mohsen Reza'i; and the president's envoy accompanied by several political and military officials of our country, left for Syria this afternoon. [passage indistinct]

JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON SENDING UNITS TO LEBANON

LDO71820 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 7 Jun 82

[Unnumbered joint communique of the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. In the name of God, the crusher of the oppressors. "Israel must be destroyed" -- Imam Khomeyni.

On the eve of 9 June, the international day of the oppressed, the day of the liberation of the deprived people from the shameful yoke of arrogant world imperialism led by the criminal America and its mercenary and criminal agents, the usurping Israel and the Zionist Saddam, these man-devouring wolves, with their evil union have extended their savage attacks against the deprived Muslims in south Lebanon and the Palestinian refugees and have made them targets of their bullets and repeatedly and unceasingly are spilling their blood.

Now that Israel, this vile germ of corruption produced by world imperialism, has shamelessly and impudently started the occupation of south Lebanon while slaughtering the Muslims, it is clear that a courageous response should be given to such obvious aggression. All this is taking place at a time when the deprived people in Lebanon and Palestine and our brave Iranian compatriots are shouting the slogan "Death to America and death to Israel" with their fists clenched. It is only for the sake of seeking and demanding justice that such pure and holy blood is mixed together. We believe that, in accordance with the decisive and clear decree of the Almighty and in accordance with our religious duties and ideological commitment, Israel, that corrupt cancerous cell of the region, should be destroyed so that the rebellion of the usurpers is terminated, God's decree is obeyed and peace and security reign in the Islamic region.

In obedience to the orders of His Great Eminence Imam Khomeyni, the great leader and commander in chief of the armed forces, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran give a positive response to his call for recovery [Arabic word: esterja'] and will send a number of units from the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran to south Lebanon in order to engage in face-to-face combat against Israel, this number one enemy of Islam and the Muslims.

The self-sacrificing members of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the Mobilization of the Guards Corps and the brave fighters of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, who are also engaged in unceasing battle against the criminal Ba'thist regime, by expanding these fronts will fight against its collaborator, the number one enemy of the Muslims, thereby engaging in unceasing and face-to-face combat against world imperialism. They respond to the plea of the deprived people of Lebanon and the Palestinian refugees calling: Muslims, where are you? The forces of Islam will form a steel barrier on the side of the brave Palestinian and Syrian fighters in south Lebanon. With the grace of God they will teach an unforgettable lesson to criminal imperialism and the usurping Zionists.

Details about the places for registration of the volunteers to take part in battle against the Zionist aggressors will be brought to the notice of our heroic and Muslim nation in later communiques. Hoping for the final victory of the fighters of Islam and the liberation of Jerusalem from the clutches of usurping Zionism. With God's assistance, victory is near.

[Signed] The Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

MUSAVI URGES ARABS TO USE 'OIL WEAPON'

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[Text] Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, speaking on the role of some of the rulers of the region vis-a-vis Israel, has said: Naturally, the agents of the United States in the area are on the side of the United States and Israel. We declare to all such nations that if AWACS aircraft and Phantoms acquired with the money of the Muslims are not brought to the fronts, at least use the oil weapon and fire the bullets of your oil into the face of the United States. But these countries have saved their airplanes for the United States. AWACS planes and Phantoms are entirely in the service of the United States and Israel.

Regarding the relationship between the Saddam regime's large-scale aggression against Islamic Iran and its bombing of residential areas and the barbaric attack of the Zionist regime on southern Lebanon and on defenseless Muslims living there, he said: War with Saddam or Begin does not make any difference to us. Basically, we consider Israel's aggression against southern Lebanon and Saddam's aggression against the south and west of Iran to be linked. We see both as the special strategy of the Pentagon. This Islamic revolution is so strong that we can conduct a war on the two fronts of this conspiracy, that is, in southern Lebanon and Syria and in the southern and western areas of our country.

MAJLIS CALLS FOR RESPONSE TO 'ZIONIST AGGRESSION'

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[Text] Tehran, 7 Jun (IRNA) -- In today's open session of the Majlis, Hojjat ol-Eslam Khatam'i, the head of Foreign Affairs Committee, read the statement of the Majlis representatives in relation to the savage aggression of the Zionist regime against south Lebanon.

(?A part) of the statement said that the Zionists' full scale invasion by air, ground and sea into south Lebanon and slaying the Muslim combatants and brave Palestinians, illustrated a part of the aggressive strategy of this regime, intended to [word indistinct] the illegal designs of Zionist dominion from the Nile to the Euphrates.

The statement further said that the coordination of these savage aggressions with the crimes of another mercenary of international imperialism, i.e. Saddam, in another part of the Islamic world, delineated the strategic union of [word indistinct] in confronting the Islamic revolution.

These brutal massacres, added the statement, expressed the weakness and wretchedness of imperialism in confronting the great revolution which started from the Islamic country of (?Iran) and is expanding over all the region.

Another part of the statement said that when the oppressed nations noticed the difference of international assemblies and the sessions of the so-called defenders of human rights, vis-a-vis the savage crimes of the Zionist regime and Saddam, people quickly understood that these assemblies and conferences instead of (?being at) the service of the oppressed people's objectives and needs, were willingly or unwillingly the agents of these aggressors against the rights of the oppressed, consequently the downtrodden did not expect justice from these assemblies.

The end of the statement said now as a suitable opportunity has been presented to inspire all the Muslims to enter the warfronts and destroy the cancer which has bothered the body of the Islamic and oppressed world for years, i.e. the Zionist regime. [sentence as received] This action would be a confirmation of the suggestion of President Khamene'i and Majlis Speaker Rafsanjani to dispatch forces to fight against the regime occupying Al-Quds. Iran had expressed hope that other nations would follow suit in this regard, concluded the statement.

IRANIAN JEWS CONDEMN BOMBING OF ILAM, LEBANON

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[Text] The Central News Unit, citing the Public Relations Office of the Islamic Consultative Assembly, reports that in connection with the reconstruction of areas hurt by the imposed war, the representative of Iranian Jewry in the Majlis has sent a message to the Majlis speaker, Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani. Condemning the cowardly bombing of residential areas and defenseless and heroic citizens of Ilam, as well as the ruthless bombing of southern Lebanon, which resulted in the martyrdom or wounding of hundreds of defenseless human beings, the message expresses the readiness of Iranian Jewry to contribute to rebuilding the war-stricken areas.

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE NO 937

LD071942 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 7 Jun 82

[Communique No 937 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] "When the hidden imam arises, the call 'I testify that there is no god but God and that Muhammad is the prophet of God' will be raised in every land," said Imam Sadiq [seventh Shi'ite imam], may God's peace be upon him.

On the occasion of the blessed birthday of the proof of God, the reformer of the earth and of the age, the pillar of the universe, the promised mahdi, the leader of the world government of Islam, may God hasten his glad advent, and on the occasion of the international day of the oppressed, we express our congratulations to his rightful vice regent, Imam Khomeyni, to the Muslim and combative Iranian nation, to the martyrs in the history of Islam, to the martyrs of the Islamic revolution in the imposed war and to all the steadfast fighters on the battlefronts of the war between truth and falsehood who fight against the manifestations of infidelity and blasphemy until his return.

We hereby notify you of a part of the operations of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran during the past 24 hours:

Yesterday exchange of fire continued on all the southern fronts of the country with complete superiority of the forces of Islam; our heroic fighters, while defending their positions, smashed the positions of the Iraqi forces.

Yesterday some residential parts of Abadan came under heavy enemy fire, which caused some human and material losses.

On the western fronts of the country the exchange of fire continued in Meymak, Salehabad, Sumar, Sar-e Pol-e Zahab and Gilan-e Gharb; in all the defensive areas our forces, while silencing enemy fire, destroyed some of their supply centers and weapons' emplacements. They set on fire and destroyed two vehicles, one mortar, one observation post and a number of weapons dumps. Also, as the result of our artillery fire, the movement of one enemy armored column in the Sar-e Pol-e Zahab region was stopped.

In the Marivan region, exchange of fire continued and our artillery units destroyed 2 enemy artillery pieces on Iraqi territory and killed or wounded at least 12 of the enemy's personnel. In the same region, a few Iraqi personnel presented themselves to the officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran, asked for asylum and were welcomed by our brothers.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

KUWAITI REACTION TO, POSITION IN WAR NOTED

GF071311 Tehran JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI in Persian 29 May 82 p 1

[Editorial: "Waiting for the Killing Blow"]

[Excerpts] The smell of gunpowder still hangs in the air over Khorramshahr. The evacuation of thousands of POW's behind the fronts has not yet been completed. The ruler of Baghdad is still dizzy from the heavy and crushing blow dealt him by the Islamic revolution.

Now the question posed is: What changes have occurred in the position of the countries of the region, including the Baghdad regime, following the liberation of Khorramshahr? Even though an answer to this question requires a longer time in order to realize the dimensions of this heavy blow, the evidence shows that Saddam and his supporters have not learned their lesson. The reactions so far have three points clearly in common:

1. The aggressor has not yet confessed to his crimes and even claims that it has taught the Iranian revolution its lesson. Therefore, it has retreated from Khorramshahr, since its occupation seemed unnecessary!
2. The puppet regimes of the region have not confessed to their treachery in supporting the criminal actions of the Baghdad regime and continue to publish and broadcast the quarrelsome noises of the Baghdad regime from their propaganda trumpets.
3. The U.S. State Department, the EEC foreign ministers and their other so-called friends whose interests are endangered have begun praying and crying for a cease-fire and the return of peace to the area!

They want a quick cease-fire and have openly announced that the fall of the Baghdad regime will endanger the security of the region. We should see if the Islamic Republic of Iran can rest while its soil is still occupied by the blood-sucking military of the Baghdad regime, thus allowing Saddam to rebuild his strength.

Can a regime which has shown that, should the opportunity arise, it will not rest easy until the entire region is engulfed in fire, continue to exist? Considering this, who will pay for the crimes of Saddam? Would it not be an encouragement to the aggressor should such opportunities arise?

Can such great crimes be easily forgiven without the aggressor being tried as a war criminal? Can the Iranian nation accept the continued rule of a regime, which has been the instigator of the crimes of the past 20 months, so that it can reconstruct its forces for future wars, murder and bloodshed? In this respect can the continued support by the reactionary leaders of the region be explained? The countries of the region should make their position clear once and for all. Are they still willing to support the regime of Saddam at-Tikriti or have the chants of "God is great" by the Islamic fighters brought them to and made them realize that they are playing with fire?

It is natural that the people of Iran cannot accept a warmongering regime on their borders. The regime of Saddam has clearly shown that it cannot rule Iraq as a neighbor of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The people of Iran cannot easily forget all these crimes and treachery of Saddam. Public opinion in Iran wants the fall of the regime which is directly responsible for all these crimes. How can we accept an end to the war unless it results in the fall of Saddam at-Tikriti?

What guarantee is there that, following a reconstruction of forces, the regime of Baghdad will not attack another country, for instance, to teach Kuwait a lesson? What guarantee is there that should Saddam's power increase he will not decide on settling accounts with Kuwait? The people of Kuwait have the right to ask themselves which hands are trying to maintain Saddam's regime so that when it regains power it can spill the blood of people of Kuwait.

This is why the people of Kuwait support, more than people of other countries, the victory of the Islamic fighters and the destruction of Saddam's army and celebrate each Iranian victory. Why is it that listening to the Voice of the Islamic Republic is considered a normal thing everywhere in Kuwait nowadays? Why is it that the Muslim people of Kuwait show such sensitivity to the reports of the 20-month-old Iran-Iraq war, irrespective of the blows of the Kuwaiti policies? The reason is that they are awaiting the news of the fall of Baghdad regime.

They have the right to know whether the superpowers are maintaining Saddam in order to complete the project of bombing the Kuwait refinery. Should this happen, will the Egyptian mercenaries, Saudi petrodollars and U.S. AWACS aircraft positioned in Saudi Arabia go to Saddam's aid? They want to know whether Saddam will try to get revenge on Kuwait should he stay and his power increase. Will Saddam consider Kuwait one of the reasons for his immense defeat in Iran for having refused to allow him the use of Bubiyan Islands? It is true that the regime of Kuwait has given to -- paid ransom to -- the Iraqi regime billions of dollars in loans following the threats of Baghdad regime. However, history will show that regimes such as that of the At-Tikritis in Iraq have never shown mercy even on its friends.

We should ask whether the Kuwaiti people can resist an Iraqi attack against their country and support their army in the fight against these criminals in the manner of the martyr-nurturing people of Iran. Naturally Kuwait, with its small population and limited military and manpower, will not be able to resist the blood-sucking regime of Iraq alone. However, Islamic Iran will never leave the Muslim people of Kuwait alone and will go to their aid. Yet, is it logical to let a blood-sucking wild animal who is on the verge of death recover its strength and then begin another fight with it in a different place? The answer to this question is surely negative from every aspect. Therefore, there is only one solution for the return of peace and quiet to the area and that is the fall of Saddam.

GUINEA FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVES ON PEACE MISSION

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[Text] According to the Central News Unit, a peace delegation appointed by the Islamic Conference Organization led by Abdoulaye Toure, the Guinea foreign minister, arrived in Tehran this evening and was greeted by Foreign Ministry officials. The delegation members met later with Mr Ahmad 'Azizi, our country's deputy foreign minister, at the Foreign Ministry building. At this 45-minute meeting, matters relating to the war imposed on Iran by Iraq were discussed.

Departs for Jidda

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[Text] The Central News Unit reports that the Islamic peace delegation, led by Guinea Foreign Minister Abdoulaye Toure, left Tehran for Jidda at 1815. The delegation was seen off by Foreign Ministry Under Secretary 'Azizi at Mehrabad Airport.

ALGERIAN ENERGY MINISTER ARRIVES IN TEHRAN

LD051150 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 5 Jun 82

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, Mr Belkacem Nabi, the Algerian minister of energy and petrochemical industries, arrived in Tehran at 0730 today. The Algerian minister and the delegation accompanying him will attend ceremonies to be held in Iran on the occasion of world oppressed day. The Algerian delegation was received at the airport by officials of the Oil Ministry.

Meeting With Khamene'i

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[Excerpts] According to a Central News Unit report, Mr Belkacem Nabi, the Algerian energy and petrochemical industries minister, accompanied by the Algerian ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran, this morning met and held talks with President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i. The 2-hour meeting was also attended by Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, Petroleum Minister Mr Gharazi, and the deputy oil minister.

President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i said that, in our view, the relationship between the Iranian Islamic revolution and the Algerian revolution is very close and important. We want such relations to develop as much as possible. The president then referred to latest developments in the Persian Gulf.

He said that we believe that this should be a secure and peaceful region and that the Persian Gulf region states should plan their relations without crises or tension. For this reason, since the beginning of the revolution, we have tried to have friendly and healthy relations with our neighbors around the Persian Gulf, but provocations, which are nothing more than excuses, are always carried out by states outside the region.

The president added: Since the beginning of the revolution we have declared that we neither intend to be the Persian Gulf's gendarme, nor shall we allow anyone else to be the Persian Gulf's gendarme. We, through struggle, overthrew the regime of the shah, who was a U.S. lackey and the guardian of its interests in the region, and today we cannot tolerate a successor to the American regime of the shah in the region, be it the Iraqi regime or any other regime in the region.

Meeting With Gharazi

LD072100 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 7 Jun 82

[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, Algerian Energy Minister Mr Belkacem Nabi, who has come to Tehran at the head of a delegation of his country's officials, today met and held talks with Petroleum Minister Mr Gharazi and several other officials. The Algerian energy minister was accompanied at this meeting by Algerian Ambassador to Iran Mr Abdelkarim Ghraieb.

After the meeting, the Iranian petroleum minister said that at the meeting between the Iranian and Algerian petroleum ministers the problem of how to deliver the world's oppressed from the financial dominations of the industrial world was discussed, and Iran expressed its objection to what is now taking place with OPEC. He added that the Algerian delegation's proposal was that a [word indistinct] bank be set up to help the countries being held back without allowing the domination of industrial countries to influence it.

VELAYATI DEPARTS FOR NEW YORK, DISARMAMENT TALKS

LD071030 Tehran IRNA in English 1003 GMT 7 Jun 82

[Text] Mexico City, 7 June (IRNA) -- Iranian Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati left Mexico City for New York last night. Velayati arrived in Mexico City after participating in the Non-Aligned Movement's Foreign Ministers' Conference held in Havana.

In New York Velayati will attend the disarmament conference and in a speech there will outline the viewpoints of the Islamic Republic of Iran on this subject.

ENVOY TO USSR SEEKING ASYLUM IN AMSTERDAM

NC051057 Paris AFP in English 1032 GMT 5 Jun 82

[Text] The Hague, 5 Jun (AFP) -- Dutch authorities have granted a temporary visa to the second secretary of the Iranian Embassy in Moscow, after he arrived in Amsterdam and asked for political asylum, the Foreign Ministry said here today.

A final decision on his application would be made later, a spokesman said. The diplomat arrived a few days ago.

According to the newspaper DE TELEGRAAF today, the diplomat first tried to obtain asylum at the United States Embassy in Moscow, after learning he had been recalled to Tehran apparently in disgrace.

The United States, anxious to restore good relations with Iran, had refused the diplomat's application, the paper said. He then decided to try the Netherlands where he had stayed in the past.

RADIO, TV DIRECTOR ON DOMESTIC, FOREIGN BROADCASTS

GF041205 Tehran ETTELA'AT in Persian 22 May 82 p 4

[Excerpts] Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, the roads and transportation minister, the director-general of the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Bushehr governor general, inspected the various sections of the television center of (Kuh Mond), which is located in the south of Bushehr, after its opening ceremony. During this inspection, Mir-Hoseyn Musavi lauded the services of the employees of this center.

According to the IRNA correspondent, Mr Mohammad Hashemi, the director general of the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran spoke to correspondents about the operations of the new transmitter.

Regarding the extent of the area covered by the new transmitter, Mr Hashemi said: This transmitter covers 90 percent of Bushehr Province from Bandar-e Asaluyeh to Bandar-e Deylam, the cities of Bushehr, Borazjan and 360 villages and even beyond the frontiers. It also covers some Gulf countries, including Kuwait.

Regarding the programs of the Voice and Vision for the domestic and external services, Mr Hashemi said: At present, 64 projects are underway on the domestic level. Most of them will be completed by the end of this year and some by next year. These projects include powerful radio television and FM transmitters which are being completed according to the needs of the region and which will cover the domestic and external areas in a better way.

He added: At present, more than 80 percent of the population of the country can view the Channel 1 programs of the Vision of Iran and over 90 percent can hear the Voice of the Islamic Republic's programs.

Mr Hashemi then spoke about future programs. He said: The farflung areas of the country have a greater priority as far as we are concerned because under the present circumstances, although some parts of the country are covered by six channels, others do not have a single transmitter.

He continued: The problem of the external services also has great priority because at present, 35 radios are broadcasting against the Islamic revolution in Persian and include mostly [news from] the international press.

In conclusion, he said: During the current year, we have in hand three important foreign broadcasting projects which will soon be implemented.

NVOI CRITICIZES STATEMENTS ON IRANIAN THREAT

TA071437 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 5 Jun 82

[Unattributed commentary: "The Main Objective of Our Combatant Nation"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: Now that, as a result of the selflessness and sacrifice of the heroic Iranian nation, the hope of ending the imposed war and cleansing our homeland's sacred soil from the presence of foreign aggressors is materializing, imperialist and above all, U.S. circles, have become active in order to prevent an end to this war.

More than anyone else, world-devouring America has an interest in the prolongation of this imposed war. America has always exploited and continues to exploit differences and disputes among nations to escalate further its military presence. In our region too, under the pretext of checking the Iranian regime's so-called aggressive intentions with respect to the countries of the Persian Gulf region, America wants to pave the way for implementing its hegemonistic plans.

Progressive mankind and the nations of our region are aware that our Islamic Republic did not and does not have any design whatsoever on the territory of others. World-devouring America and the region's reaction, in order to induce the countries of this region to confront revolutionary Iran, are advancing such idle talk. We are all aware that Imam Khomeyni, during statements addressed to the region's governments, particularly the leaders of the region's Arab states, while refuting the false accusations and claims of imperialist and reactionary mouthpieces, requested these governments to review their relations with world-devouring America, and to liberate themselves from dependence on America. Imam Khomeyni stressed that no danger whatsoever threatens them from the direction of Iran.

As we are aware, in connection with the defeat of its anti-Iranian plans, especially in view of the recent victories of the Islamic Republic in the imposed war, America is striving to prevent this war from ending. America is exerting all its efforts to render an international dimension to this war and to involve other regimes dependent on it in the war. Thus, we see that after Shah Husayn and the mini-shahs of Saudi Arabia, Oman and so forth, the Egyptian regime has also entered the arena and, in accordance with America's plan and directive, is beating the drum of an imaginary Iranian danger which is allegedly threatening the region's Arab states.

With this ploy America wants to bring some of the regimes dependent on it into the battlefield against emancipated Iran, to divert the attention of Arab states from the constant and real danger, namely, the Zionist and aggressive Israel.

As we are aware, in rejecting the false claims of imperialist and reactionary circles, our homeland's realistic authorities defined clearly the policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in respect to the countries of the region, particularly neighboring states, and without doubt our revolutionary homeland did not and does not have any design whatsoever on the territory of others.

Of course, unfortunately, some extremist officials, in their irresponsible statements project the Islamic Republic of Iran in the international arena in such a manner that allegedly it intends, after cleansing its territory from the presence of foreign troops, to penetrate into the territory of other countries and to maintain the Islamic revolution there as well. It goes without saying that such irresponsible statements are only to the detriment of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and are tantamount to pouring grist into the mill of Iran's enemies.

The final objective of the people of our emancipated homeland is that the domination of U.S. imperialism in the region be terminated, that the nations of the region's countries themselves hold their destiny in their own hands, and that they establish a government of justice on their territory without pressure and interference from outside. This does not mean that Iran will export its revolution to these countries, for the choice of a system and the form of government is the task of the nations of our region themselves. Naturally, these nations are able to learn from the valuable experience of other nations.

As far as our emancipated homeland is concerned it should be stated that our nation's goal is the expulsion of the aggressors from Iran's soil, the maintenance of territorial integrity and the consolidation of the country's independence. Without doubt our homeland's combatant people will support every popular and anti-imperialist movement in the region, and this principle has also been stipulated in our Islamic Republic's Constitution.

BRIEFS

NEW FM TRANSMITTER -- A 1-kilowatt FM radio transmitter began work in Urumiyeh on 7 June. The transmitter broadcasts on the FM 103.7 MHz band and will enable the people of Urumiyeh to receive live broadcasts of the Islamic Consultative Assembly proceedings and the first program of the state television network at 1800. [Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 7 Jun 82 LD]

ECONOMIC MOBILIZATION SUPERVISOR -- Mr Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, the prime minister, has appointed Mr Aqazadeh, the minister of state for executive affairs, as the new supervisor of the state Economic Mobilization headquarters following the resignation of Minister of Heavy Industry Behzad Nabavi from that post. The resignation (?was due to the volume of his work). The prime minister praised Mr Nabavi for his services as the supervisor of the Economic Mobilization headquarters. [Text] [Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 7 Jun 82 LD]